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HOUSE APPROVES \$2 MILLION FOR DOUGLAS COUNTY IN TRANSPORTATION AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT APPROPRIATIONS BILL

WASHINGTON, D.C. – Seventh District Congressman Dave Obey (D-WI) announced today that the House of Representatives has approved his request for \$2 million in next year's transportation and urban development appropriations bill to help reconstruct County Trunk Highway F and to help extend sewer and water utilities, road, and rail spur to the Parkland Industrial Park.

"Our community infrastructure, such as roads, rails and sewer and water systems, are an essential part of our economy and are necessary for the creation of good-paying jobs for the region," said Obey, the Chairman of the House Appropriations Committee. "So I'm glad the House approved my request for these funds to help improve transportation and infrastructure in Douglas County without putting too much of a strain on local taxpayers."

At Obey's request, the House approved:

\$1.5 million to help Douglas County reconstruct a 4 mile segment of CTH F connecting USH2 on the south to STH 13 on the north to increase roadway safety. The highway serves as a

primary bus route serving the Northwestern School District.

\$500,000 to help Douglas County extend sewer and water utilities, road, and rail spur to the Parkland Industrial Park. Located on the site of the former Parkland County Hospital, and with easy access to highways, rail, and a port, the Industrial Park is intended to help spur economic growth for the region.

However, the bill must still be approved by the Senate and signed by the President before it becomes law, Obey warned. “But having these funds included in the House passed bill means that a major hurdle has been cleared,” he concluded.

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